

Services, trying to identify a problem they have with kids in particular that are hard to place, that are difficult to find families for that really aren't best served by returning to their native family, but going out to an adoption, but the problem is that the mother and father involved or whatever, mother, maybe just father, whatever, did not want to give up the child for adoption without being able to keep in touch in some way in terms of being informed about that child. We're not talking about visitation rights here, we're talking just about information exchange, how is he doing, how is she doing, what's going on, you know, just general types of information exchange. Now, any parent would have some understanding of what we're talking about here. If you're not a parent, perhaps it wouldn't strike you, but for me and others that are parents it is important you can see that before you give up that child, even if it's in the best interest of the child, you would want to know what has happened to the child. That's really what we're talking about here. It doesn't lead to the problem that some people are raising here about information getting back that you don't want to get back, these are really open adoptions. These are not the typical types of adoptions at birth, the birth mother doesn't want the child and doesn't want to know about the child and that kind of secrecy is enacted into the adoption process. Here you have a different status completely in terms of the focus and you need to understand a niche that this bill is attempting to fulfill. I think Senator Conway brought a good bill. I think it's adequate in its drafting. If there is some potential improvements, I am sure we can all look at them, but it is an important piece of legislation that I think is in shape to be advanced today.

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABBODD: Mr. President, colleagues, Senator Conway, I'd be happy to give you some of my time if you'd like to answer some of those questions that I raised.

PRESIDENT: Senator Conway. There are no other lights on.

SENATOR CONWAY: I will attempt to and, again, the way the question that was raised, I think again when you look at this, as Senator Wesely pointed out, and now I had a chance to look at the committee amendments. One of the things written into the bill is that there is nothing relative to the request for specific performance or the reaction on the part of the court